

**Preliminary Amendment
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please delete the heading “CLAIMS” and insert the heading:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A portable shoehorn which is a shoehorn obtained by bending a plate member, which has been bent in a breadth direction thereof, in a longitudinal direction thereof approximately like a bow to form a slender plate shape and whose grip section is constituted so as to be folded into two parts at a central portion thereof to reduce an entire length of the shoehorn approximately by half, wherein

a backscratcher is formed at a distal end of the grip section and an elastic body for patting a human body is constituted so as to be attachably/detachably mounted to a portion of the backscratcher and a shoehorn portion of the shoehorn.

2. (Currently Amendment) A portable shoehorn according to Claim 1, wherein
the grip section is formed such that the breadth thereof is shorter than those of the backscratcher and the shoehorn portion of the shoehorn, and the elastic body for patting a human body comprises a main body portion with a spherically formed face contacting with a human body and a mounting portion which is applied to be mounted to the backscratcher and the shoehorn portion of the shoehorn; and

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the mounting portion of the shoehorn of the elastic body for patting a human body is formed with an engagement groove with a groove breadth which allows engagement with the backscratcher and the shoehorn portion of the shoehorn without allowing engagement with the grip section.

3. (Currently Amended) A portable shoehorn according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 and 2, wherein the backscratcher is constituted with a corrugated projection provided at a bent end formed by bending a distal end thereof and a plurality of small projections provided in a projecting manner at left and right side edges near the bent portion; and

the engagement groove of the elastic body for patting a human body is formed with engagement holes engaged with the small projections of the backscratcher.